

**Conservation Commission Minutes
Tuesday, January 8, 2013
Town Hall Meeting Room, Old Town Rd.
5:30pm**

Present: Members: Chair Ned Phillips Jr., Vice Chair Fred Leeder, Marea Mott, Leslie Slate, David Roosa, John Hopf and Donald Littlefield. Also present was Terri Chmiel, Administrative Assistant for the recording of the minutes.

Call to Order

Chair Mr. Phillips, Jr. called the meeting to order at 5:32p.m.

Approval of minutes for December 11, 2012

Mr. Leeder made a motion seconded by Mr. Phillips, Jr. to approve the minutes of December 11, 2012.

7 Ayes (Phillips, Leeder, Slate, Mott, Hopf, Littlefield and Roosa) 0 Nays

Block Island Power Company. Plat 17, Lot 37. Advisory to the Zoning Board of Review for an Application by New Cingular Wireless PCS, LLC for a Special Use Permit under Section 313(E), Section 421, Section 401 and Section 703 to add three panels, six radio heads and one surge arrestor to the existing antenna.

At the request of the applicant Peter Fales, acting on behalf of the owner, he asked for a continuance. The board continued the advisory until the next monthly meeting.

Correspondence

Letter dated December 26, 2012 to the Town of New Shoreham Planning Board from Don Thimble re: change to the Zoning Ordinance 506 and the Wastewater Management Ordinance.

The Commission is in receipt of a letter dated December 26, 2012 from Don Thimble regarding a change to the Zoning Ordinance 506 and the Wastewater Management Ordinance. No action was needed or taken.

Letter dated December 21, 2012 to Fred Nelson re: grounds of the American Legion.

Mr. Phillips, Jr. explained the American Legion Hall is located on Town property. A letter was mailed to Fred Nelson from the Commission asking him to identify the substance that he sprayed

on the reference land. Mr. Nelson responded by phone that Mike Shea, Highway Supervisor provided a citrus base herbicide.

Update on letter from Don Thimble re: Fred Benson Town Beach Septic Systems

Mr. Phillips, Jr. will inspect the drain field to determine if any plants with a root system of 1'6" need to be removed.

Letter dated November 20, 2012 from Barbara MacMullan, Chair Block Island Land Trust re: Farmland Conservation.

Mr. Hopf addressed a letter to Barbara MacMullan in receipt of her letter on behalf of the Block Island Land Trust. (See Attached)

Old Business

Beach Erosion SAMP

No action was taken.

Snow Fencing

Mr. Hopf stated the Town Beach measures approximately 800 yards to the north and south of the Beach House. He explained that it would be impractical to put snow fencing along this stretch of beach; however, he suggested that the Commission continue what they are doing by outlining the seven (7) beach access points. Mr. Hopf suggested asking the Town Council for \$5,000.00 to purchase 50 rolls of snow fencing at approximately \$60.00 per roll and posts using 6 per roll ranging from \$2.00 to \$4.00 a piece. The Commission discussed using a 3'x3' post.

Mr. Phillips, Jr. made a motion seconded by Mr. Leeder to forward Mr. Hopf's letter to the Town Council. (See attached)

7 Ayes (Phillips, Leeder, Slate, Mott, Hopf, Littlefield and Roosa)

0 Nays

Adjourn

Mr. Phillips, Jr. will follow up with Kim Gaffett, First Warden regarding the Tree Preservation and Guidelines. The meeting was adjourned at 6:03p.m. in a motion by Mr. Littlefield and seconded by Mr. Slate.

7Ayes (Phillips, Leeder, Slate, Littlefield, Mott, Hopf and Roosa)

0 Nays

Respectfully submitted

Terri L. Chmiel

Minutes approved: March 12, 2013